

Open Sourcing your Macs!

An Introduction to running GNU/Linux on your Apple Macintosh

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What is this open source?

- Free as in freedom (not beer)
- Source code availability
 - freedom therefore to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software
- This isn't freeware
 - It might be free, but source needn't be provided
 - Not shareware either
- www.opensource.org

What is its impact today

- Most of the Internet run on OSS
- Apple has made use of OSS too

What is a kernel? It is the core of the operating system providing access to all its devices and allowing software to do so too

- Apple X11, Darwin kernel, Xcode compiling tools, etc...
- Many open source tools are available via fink/DarwinPorts
- So why run Linux instead of OS X?

Why Linux?

- Different operating system
 - Fun to tinker with
 - Choice
- Performance improvements
 - Older Macs can't run OS X conveniently
 - Macs with less RAM benefit
- Software behind the culture is FREE
 - Never have to buy shareware again!
- Support, websites, user groups, etc...

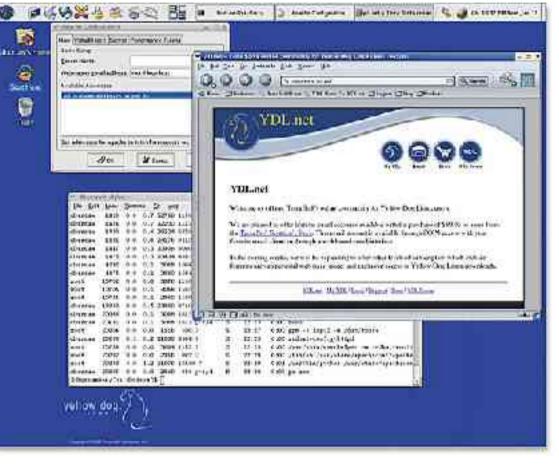
What are distributions?

- Linux is just a kernel
- Distributions also include custom packages around it; this makes it a complete, full-featured OS
- Most users like: Yellow Dog Linux / Fedora Core
- Others prefer: Debian GNU/Linux, Gentoo, SuSE, Mandrake

Yellow Dog Linux (YDL)

- Subscription-based early releases
 - Has support options
 - Sells Linux preinstalled on Macs
- Very user-friendly
 - New release to be based on Fedora Core 2
 - Fully graphical installer





Fedora Core (FC)

- Red Hat sponsored
- FREE
- No support
- Generally more updated (with the latest software) than all the others



The others...

- SuSE is friendly but there are no free installable versions (net install only)
- Mandrake is free, user-friendly, but
 3rd party software is lacking

- Debian is preferred by a lot of advanced users
 - Has relatively new software
 - Harder to configure from the start
- Gentoo requires a lot of CPU time!

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But I only have one Mac!

- That's fine you can dual-boot
 - like running OS 9 (Classic), OS X and Linux
 - just requires some free hard disk space
- YDL/FC, SuSE/Mandrake auto-partition for you (after Disk Utility has freed space)
 - Debian/Gentoo involve text-based partitions
 - YDL 3.01 from the Net can deal with HFS+

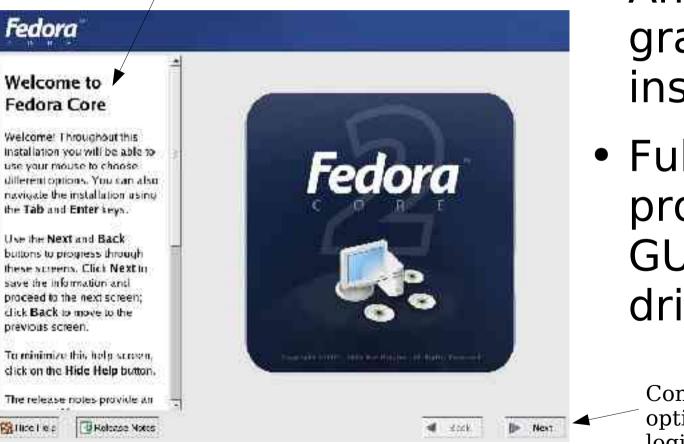
Installation...

- It's as simple as inserting the CD into your drive and booting from the CDROM
 - Holding down the
 'C' key enables
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- Debian requires more work:
 - http://people.debi an.org/~branden/i book/
- Gentoo as well:
 - http://www.desert
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Anaconda... so friendly!

Help so you always know what you're doing



- Anaconda graphical installer
- Fully helpprompted, and GUI (Back/Next) driven

Constant prompting once options are chosen, for a logical progression

Display Managers

GNOME

- Default for Fedora
- Spatial windows



KDEDefault for YDL

Requires configuring



Software Updates

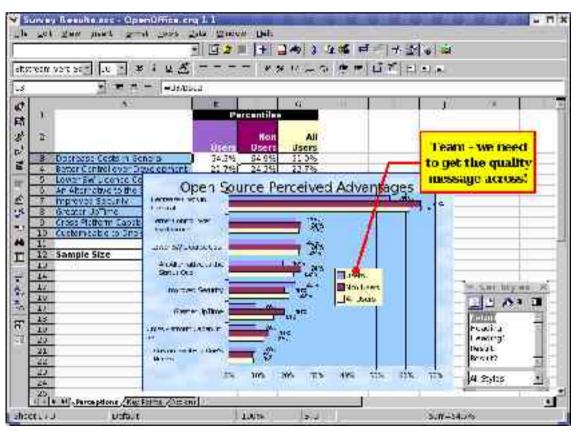
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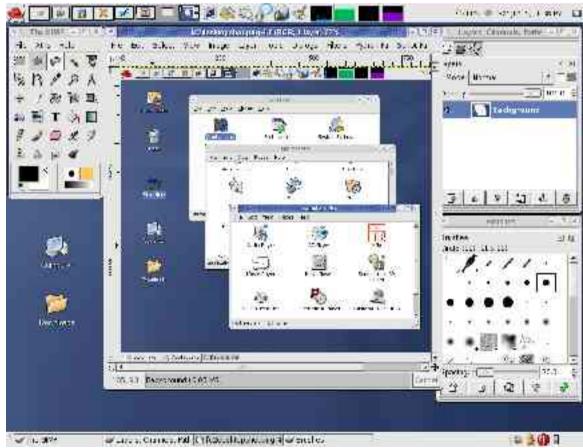
100% Free Office Suite



- Full-featured
 free cross platform office
 suite
 - Writer (word processor)
 - Calc(spreadsheet)

100% Free Graphics Editor

- GIMP, currently at version 2 is touted as the Photoshop replacement
- Slideshow views (GQView)
- Digital camera tool



Internet software

- Browsers are aplenty:
 - Safari Konqueror based
 - Mozilla, Epiphany
- E-Mail clients:
 - Evolution,
 Thunderbird

 Instant Messaging:



- GAIM, X-Chat

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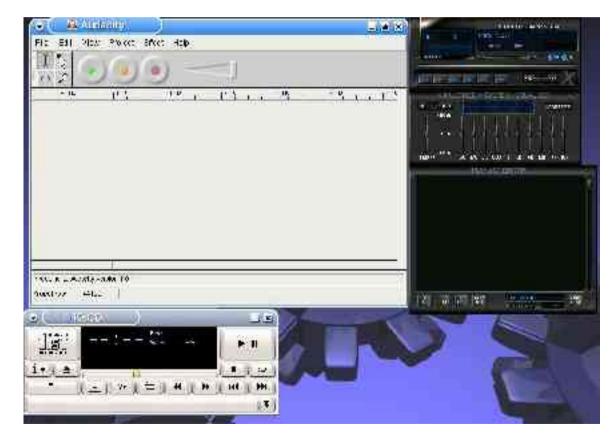
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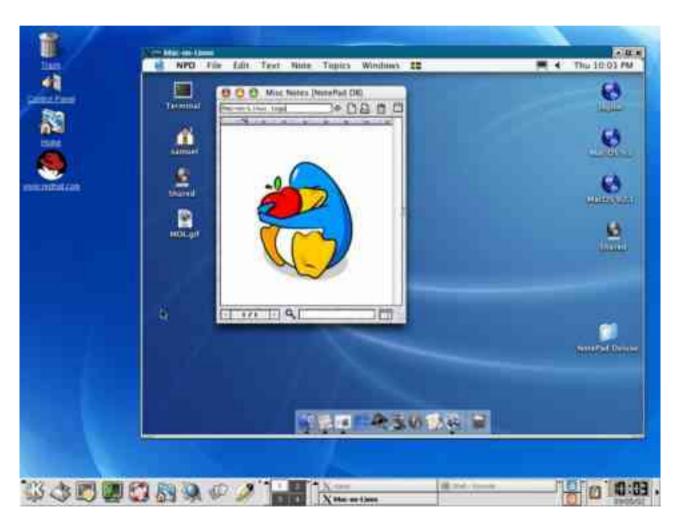
Playback/editing can be performed

Totem handles a lot of video by default in Fedora



Wait, I miss an OS X app!

- Emulation!
- Setup Macon-Linux, and run OS
 X within a window in Linux!
- QEmu exists too...



Hardware Support

- Or lack of it...
- Newer iBook/Powerbook G4's:
 - video out, Airport Extreme
- Newer iBook G3's lack video out
- iMac's/eMac's/PowerMacs/G5's have full support
- Modem requires a paid-for-wrapper (~USD\$20)

LiveCD

- Gentoo (www.gentoo.org) Linux has a 1CD-based image for a Linux Live-CD
 - Boots off the CD drive, and loads Linux without installing it – try it first
 - Excellent hardware detection
- There's Knoppix PPC, but Gentoo is more established and preferred

Useful Resources

- http://www.yellowdoglinux.com/
- http://www.bytebot.net/geekdocs/ibook/fedorappc.html
- http://www.yellowdoglinux.com/support/hardwar e/breakdown/index.php
- Various mailing lists at http://lists.ydl.net/, including the fedora-ppc one for help, discussion, etc...
- IRC: irc.freenode.net, #fedora-ppc/#yellowdog

Thank You!

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